



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: SIGNALLING DEVICE FOR SIGHTING
SYSTEMS, FOR EXAMPLE FOR RESCUE
CRAFTS IN THE NAUTICAL FIELD AND THE
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- (b) before the mailing date of first office action on the merits (i.e., not including actions such as restriction requirements).

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It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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